

# California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, August 23, 2020  
9:00 AM PDT

- **Day 1 (Sunday):** Critical fire weather conditions expected today across much of central and northern California. Numerous thunderstorms are forecast but with little in the way of significant precipitation. Dry lightning and gusty winds may lead to new fire starts and rapid fire spread. Localized flash flooding is also possible across portions of southern California near burn scars. Poor air quality continues for much of the state due to ongoing wildfires.

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# WEATHER KEY POINTS

**08/23/20 - 08/29/20**

## Sunday-Tuesday

- A Flash Flood WATCH is in effect today for the mountains, and Cuyama, Antelope, and San Luis Obispo County valleys
  - Additional thunderstorms through this evening could produce localized flash flooding near recent burn scars
- **Thunderstorm coverage increasing today into Monday statewide**
  - **Critical fire weather conditions expected due to dry lightning and gusty winds near storms**
  - **New fires could develop and spread rapidly today and Monday**
  - Significant rainfall is NOT expected across the state
- Outside of storms, moderate to high heat impacts continue across southern California and the interior valleys of central California through Tuesday

## Wednesday-Saturday

- Moderate to high heat impacts continue across portions of Interior and Southern regions through next Saturday
- Decreasing coverage of thunderstorms, though isolated storms remain possible across both northern and southern portions of the state through Friday
- Periods of elevated fire weather concerns statewide due to warm temperatures, low humidity, and occasionally gusty conditions



# CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

**08/23/20 - 08/29/20**

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds</b>							
<b>Snow</b>							
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>							
<b>River Flooding</b>							
<b>Thunderstorms</b> (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)	All Regions	All Regions	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern
<b>Fire Weather</b> (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)	All Regions	All Regions	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern
<b>Heat Risk</b>	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Southern	Southern	Inland/ Southern	Inland/ Southern	Southern
<b>Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow</b>	Southern/ Interior (Mtns)						
<b>Cold</b>							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



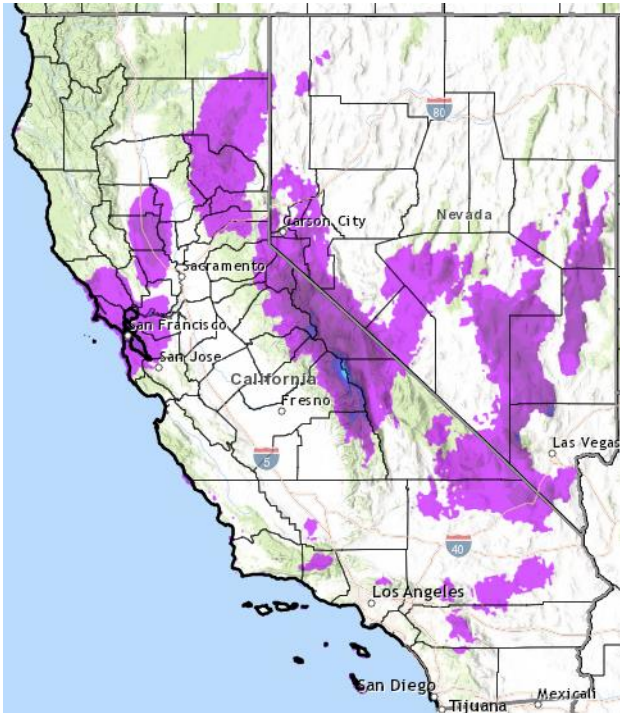
Moderate Impacts



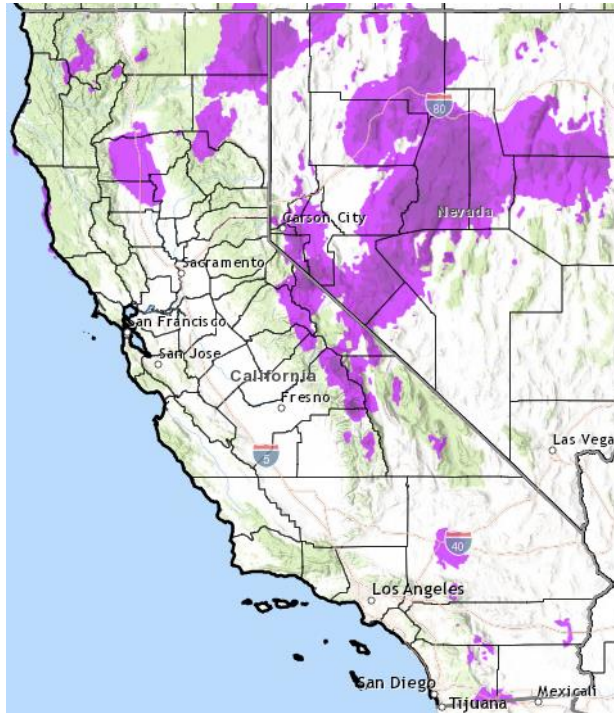
Severe Impacts

# PRECIPITATION FORECAST

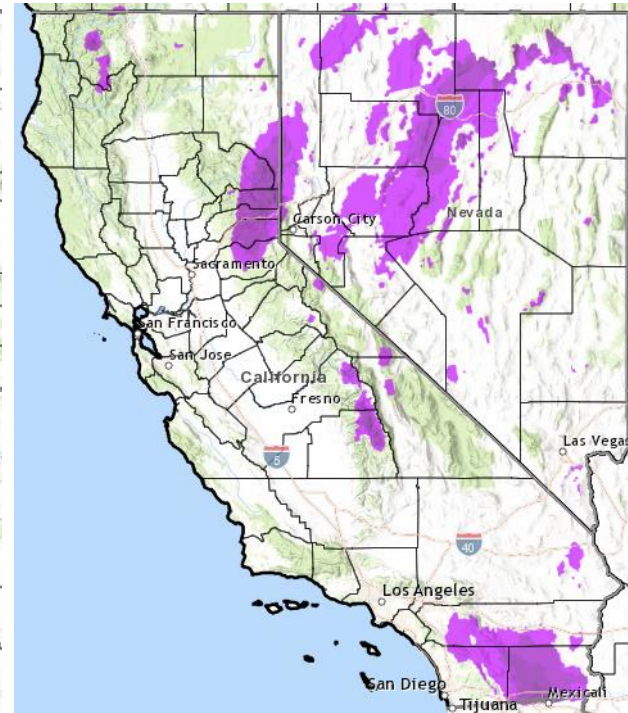
## **08/23/20 - 08/25/20**



Sunday



Monday



Tuesday

Note that locally heavier rain amounts are possible with any thunderstorms the next few days. Flash flooding could occur near burn scars across southern California with localized much higher rain amounts.

Precipitation (inches)



# **WEATHER OUTLOOK**

## **08/28/20 - 09/05/20**

### **6-10 Day Outlook (August 28 – September 1)**

#### **Temperatures**

- Above normal temperatures favored for much of the state

#### **Precipitation**

- Near normal precipitation expected statewide

### **8-14 Day Outlook (August 30 – September 5)**

#### **Temperatures**

- Temperatures near normal expected for much of the state

#### **Precipitation**

- Near to slightly below normal precipitation favored statewide



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